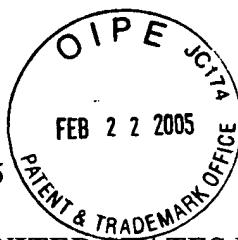


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Yuko KUBOOKA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7786
Application No.: 10/050,988 : Group Art Unit: 2127
Filed: January 22, 2002 : Examiner: Lillian Vo
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For: DIGITAL DEVICE, TASK MANAGEMENT METHOD AND PROGRAM THEREFOR

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on January 22, 2002. Since more than three years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before March 2, 2002 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

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